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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA CONCERNED ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO INTEGRATE
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[1](#)1. (C) DCM presented reftel demarche points March 26 to Ambassador Roman Kirn, Director of the Division for the Americas at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Kirn listened carefully to our request for Slovenia to accept detainees ready for release, and remarked that this is an important development, though one which is sensitive and requires careful handling. He promised to convey the U.S. request to the Foreign Minister, but commented that due to Slovenia's small size and the structure of its compact and close-knit towns and villages, it would be very complicated to place refugees in those communities. He remarked that placement of Guantanamo detainees would be so visible, it could provoke unintended reactions from the public. Post's view is that it is highly unlikely Slovenia will accept any detainees.

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